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photo Ace Stryker/SU DRUM



photos Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

## 2010 Year in review

Last year was a year of love, work, fun, turmoil, and above all, the growth of the Southern Ute community. From the museum to the chapel, from Tribal Council members to tribal member youth, no part of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe remained idle. For a recap of the top 15 news trends of 2010, turn to pages 6 – 7.



photo Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

Ignacio drum group 12 Gauge sings during the New Year's Celebration PowWow Dec. 31 in the Ignacio High School Gymnasium.

## Dancers bring in new year Community fills IHS gymnasium

*By Jeremy Wade Shockley  
The Southern Ute Drum*

The sound of gourd dancers filled the small auditorium Dec. 31 as they sang and danced in honor of friends, relatives, and the coming of a new year.

Blankets were laid out and chairs set up in preparation for the anticipated powwow – a well-

ness powwow, a celebration powwow. Unlike the competitive powwows held throughout Indian Country each year, this was a community event, a coming together of Ignacio residents, each participating in their own way.

The New Year's Celebration PowWow, which took place in the Ignacio High School

Gymnasium, included a buffet-style dinner banquet. The menu, coordinated by Dona Frost, offered a wide variety of home-cooked meats, chilies and fry breads from around Ignacio. The dinner break gave families a chance to visit and socialize, while Sheila Nanato of KSUT

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## Sky Ute Casino Pavilion retired

*By Ace Stryker  
The Southern Ute Drum*

The Sky Ute Casino Pavilion, which once housed acts ranging from Chubby Checker to women's world championship boxing, has made its last curtain call.

The giant white tent became something of a landmark in rural La Plata County during its decade-long stay on the northeast corner of Ute Road and State Highway 172. It helped make Ignacio a destination for out-of-towners by providing a space for nationally renowned touring acts to perform, said Ben Fernandez, marketing director for the Sky Ute Casino Resort.

"It gave people an opportunity to come to this community who had never been here before," he said. "It definitely brought us a sense of notoriety because we were definitely able to compete. ... It gave Ignacio a name – in a sense, a branding for larger-type events."

And the events did come. From the pavilion's inaugural concert featuring Little River Band in 2001, others followed, including Bachman-Turner Overdrive, the Marshall Tucker Band, the Temptations, Freddy Fender, Al Hurricane, Paul Rodriguez and Lonestar.

"That's just to name a few," Fernandez said.

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photo Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

A Southern Ute Indian Tribe employee works to take down the old Sky Ute Casino Pavilion, which after a decade of housing boxing and entertainment acts has been sold to a private buyer. The pavilion last hosted an event on Labor Day 2008, a concert featuring Little River Band and Three Dog Night.





## News in brief

### IGNACIO

#### Life skills classes offered in January, February

**Basic sewing:** Participants will learn to read patterns and the skills to follow a pattern and making clothing. The participants will learn the meaning of the symbols and markings on the pattern, and practice the methods. Learn how to put in a zipper and using the sewing machine and zipper foot, make a button hole using the machine and attachment. Learn to make a dart, gathering, top-stitching and stay stitching and learn about fabrics. Class will be on Wednesday, Jan. 26, starting at 9 a.m., deadline to register for class will be Jan. 21.

**Ribbon shirts and dresses:** There will be two four-hour classes held the first class is all about ribbon shirts, class two dresses. The class will be Feb. 22 and 23, starting at 9 a.m.

Contact Luana Herrera at 970-563-0237 to register, so materials can be purchased for the classes. The classes will be held at the Education Department.

#### Education announces GED test dates

The Department of Education would like to announce GED test dates on Feb. 4, March 4 and April 8. The test is held the first Friday of every month at the Higher Education Building. Registration and payments are due by Tuesday before the test. Scholarships are available for Native Americans who live within 50 miles of the service area, spend 12 hours in class, score a 450 on practice tests and submit paperwork two weeks in advance. For more information, call the Pine River Community Learning Center at 970-563-0681 or Donna Broad at 970-563-0237 or 970-749-1953.

#### January elders activities planned

Jan. 21: Arts and Crafts, 9 to 11 a.m., Valentine's picture frame by Ruth Tracey

Jan. 26: Towaoe Casino Trip

For all tribal elders and handicapped or disabled members wanting to travel in your own private vehicle, the Elders Department needs the following information for Marge in the Purchasing Office:

1. Your updated vehicle insurance
2. Your up-to-date driver license or that of the person who will be driving you

When you return from your trip, please turn in your motel or hotel receipt within 5 working days; if you don't, Finance will be billing you for the total amount of your trip. The Elders Services Department needs your flyer and two weeks prior notice to travel. And you, as the traveler, will make your own motel or hotel reservation. Have any questions? Call Elder Services at 970-563-0156.

#### January is National Mentoring Month

You don't need special skills to be a mentor. You just need to listen, show that you care, and share your experience. Becoming a mentor is one of the best investments you can make for the future. So, share what you know. Become a mentor today! To begin this wonderful journey that will change your life forever, contact: Darrell Clah, mentor coordinator, Boys & Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe at 970-563-4753 ext. 4 or email dclah@southern-ute.nsn.us

#### Co-ed teen self-defense classes being offered

The SunUte Community Center and the Southern Ute Police Department will be offering a teen self-defense class at the SunUte Community Center on Thursday, Feb. 3 from 6 to 8 p.m. Classes are first-come-first-served, with a maximum class size of 15.

Feb. 3: First day introductions, youth advocacy, self defense techniques

Feb. 4 – 7: Youth advocacy, self defense techniques

Feb. 8: Last day and certificates. Must attend all classes to receive a certificate.

For more information, call Crystal Thompson at 970-749-7149 or 970-563-0246 ext. 3317.

#### Tribe offers radon testing

Environmental Programs would like to remind all tribal members that we provide free radon testing for your homes. Many of you have had your home tested by us in the past, but we have new radon monitoring equipment that will give you more accurate and immediate results. The monitor, which is about the size of a shoebox, will need to be placed in your home for 3 days. Please contact Peter Diethrich (970-563-0315 ext. 2238; pdieth@southern-ute.nsn.us) or Mel Baker (970-563-4710; mjbaker@southern-ute.nsn.us) to set up an appointment or to ask questions.

### DURANGO

#### Ag Expo Board to meet Jan. 19

The board of directors of the Four States Ag Expo will hold its regular business meeting at 7 p.m. on Jan. 19 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 2600 Junction Ave., Durango. On the agenda for this month will be finalizing the plans for the 29th annual Ag Expo, to be held March 17-20 in Cortez; the event highlights innovation and tradition in agriculture of the four states region. The board welcomes anyone with an interest in this event and its service to agriculture and the public. For more information, contact Elizabeth Testa at 970-247-0097 or info@fourstatesagexpo.com.

## Many Moons Ago



photo archives/SU DRUM

## 10 years ago

The IHS Lady Cats await their introductions prior to their home game against the Dolores Lady Bears. The Lady Cats included (l-r) Samantha Kenner, Brooke McCoy, Crystal Young, Shannon Olguin, Raegen Thompson, Arla Velasquez, Katie Whiteskunk, Julia Valdez, Nancy Weaver, Stephanie Rivera and Quinci Trujillo. The Lady Cats were coached by Dwayne Odoms and entered the Intermountain League tourney sporting a 6-3 record.

This photo first appeared in the Jan. 12, 2001, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



photo archives/SU DRUM

## 20 Years Ago

The Community Christmas Program took place at the Convention Center on Dec. 18. Eagle Springs drum group members Conrad Thompson, Sheila Ryder, Tim Ryder, Erica Howe, Jacob Ryder, JoGenia Red and Aaron Frost sang a variety of songs.

This photo first appeared in the Jan. 11, 1991, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



photo archives/SU DRUM

## 30 Years Ago

The new sign and logo at the Sky Ute Downs grandstands building. New pipe construction had begun for the stock pens, which would hold the rough stock for rodeos and practices.

This photo first appeared in the Jan. 16, 1981, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.

## Sky Ute Pavilion retired • from page 1

The pavilion grew in fame as a women's boxing venue, at one time hosting more world championship events than anywhere else, he said. It also housed important cultural events, like the casino's powwow, heritage dancing, and tribal Chairman Leonard C. Burch's funeral dinner.

Prior to the pavilion, the Sky Ute Downs was the go-to venue for many large events. To entice the public to use its facilities, the casino began renting a red-and-white-striped circus tent for events around the turn of the century. But it wasn't long before something bigger – and more permanent – was needed.

"We outgrew that," Fernandez said. "From there, we started seeing the potential market."

But even the new space's days were numbered. With the construction of the new Sky Ute Casino Resort and its massive Events Center, it became clear toward the latter part of the decade the pavilion's heyday was over. Its final concert was a Labor Day 2008 celebration featuring Three Dog Night and, fit-



photo Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

A worker from the Southern Ute Indian Tribe prepares to remove part of the old Sky Ute Casino Pavilion. The structure, something of a landmark in Ignacio for the past decade, has been sold to a private buyer.

tingly, Little River Band, which had kicked off the pavilion's run 7 years earlier.

The pavilion sat vacant for several years until recently, when the Tribe published an invitation for bids to purchase it in local newspapers. It was acquired by a group who says it intends to use it for cutting rodeo calves in McElmo

Canyon near Cortez, Colo.

Fernandez said while the new Events Center boasts superior capacity, technology, and – perhaps most importantly – insulation from the weather, the pavilion was instrumental in putting Ignacio on the map.

"They both had their time and need and place," he said.

## PowWow Trails 2010

### Sobriety Gourd Dance

Jan. 22

1220 W Apache St. • Farmington, NM

Contact: Totah Behavioral Health Authority

Phone: 505-564-4804

### 34th Annual Southern Utah University

Feb. 11 – 12

351 West Center Street • Cedar City, UT

Contact: Tina Calamity

Phone: 435-586-7772

Email: calamity@suu.edu

Web: www.suu.edu/orgs/nasa



## Ute Language

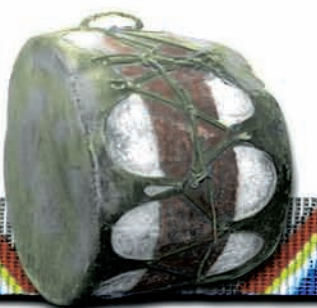
Spürai - Cold

WavavÜ - A cold

WavaiÇie - Have a cold

Editor's note: The Ute Language and "Translation" are transcribed from the 2000 Ute Dictionary, ©1996





Dancers bring in new year • from page 1

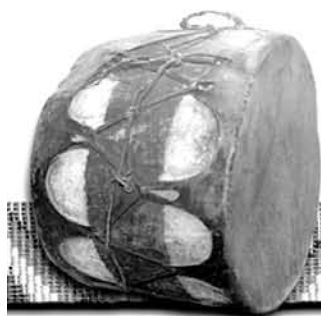
kept the spectators entertained as the evenings powwow emcee. Drum groups, veterans, Royalty members and visiting dancers each played their part in opening up the celebration during the grand entry, with dances leading up to the New Year's blessing. This year's powwow was organized by Southern Ute tribal member Robert Howe, Dude Perry, and Southern Ute Tribal Health staffers Julie Olexa, Larron Dolence and Tom Duran.

Veterans Larry Tucker and Howard Richards Sr. bring in the flags Dec. 31 during grand entry for the News Year's Celebration PowWow. A young fancy dancer stands out in the powwow arena. Dinner plates were prepared by powwow volunteers, who lined up to serve elders first. Powwow emcee Sheila Nanaeto keeps the energy high. She also announced two lucky elk tag winners: Alan Cox and Jeremy Sharpe. Little Miss Southern Ute First Alternate Eufemia Pardo prepares for the grand entry. Gourd dancers initiate a new member during the afternoon dancing session. Greg Borst gourd dances.

photos Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM







# The Kidney Corner: Don't let kidney disease sneak up

By Dr. Mark Saddler  
Durango Nephrology Associates

As discussed in some of our previous articles, the kidneys are responsible for filtering the blood to make urine, eliminating waste products from the body. Where do these waste products come from?

Some are derived from food. An example is potassium, an electrolyte present in many fruits and other foods. Diets high in potassium are generally healthy for people without kidney disease and are recommended to lower the risk of developing high blood pressure.

But if potassium accumulates in the body, for example due to excessive intake in patients with kidney disease, it can be very dangerous. Healthy kidneys are extremely efficient at removing excess potassium, usually keeping the concentration in the blood very steady.

Protein, another important constituent of a healthy diet, is broken down to various nitrogen-containing products that can also be dangerous if allowed to accumulate in the blood. Breakdown products of proteins come from our diet or from turnover of the cells from our own bodies. These nitrogen-containing chemicals are thought to be some of the main culprits



causing patients with chronic kidney disease to feel sick.

The kidneys also remove many drugs and poisons from our blood.

When they work correctly, the kidneys are astoundingly efficient in removing all of these harmful substances. They filter about 40 gallons of blood every day to achieve this feat. Not bad for a couple of organs each only the size of your fist!

Unfortunately, kidney disease is all too common; about one in nine adults in the United States has chronic kidney disease, decreasing the effectiveness of this toxin-removing system. The most common causes of kidney disease are diabetes and hypertension.

What happens when kidney function starts to decline? Initially, there are typically no

symptoms. A decrease in kidney function down to as low as 30 percent might allow a person to continue feeling quite well.

Many people therefore develop quite severe degrees of kidney disease without realizing it. So it's worth having your kidney function checked if you have any risk factors for kidney disease.

We recommend screening for kidney disease in any person with diabetes, high blood pressure, or a family history of kidney disease. The screening typically involves a blood and urine test and measurement of blood pressure. Many other medical conditions raise the risk of kidney disease; your doctor can tell you if you should be screened.

More severe kidney disease can cause many symptoms, including weakness, fatigue, nausea, wasting, shortness of breath and itching. In the final stages of kidney disease, dialysis or transplantation becomes necessary to preserve life.

Fortunately, if kidney disease is detected early, there are very effective treatments that can slow down the decline in kidney function. It can be difficult to keep taking medicine to prevent a disease that isn't causing any symptoms at the time, but the long-term results of improved kidney function are well worth it.

## SunUte Update

*"To expand and improve the quality of life for the southern ute tribal members and surrounding communities by stimulating social, physical, emotional, mental, cultural, and spiritual growth through recreational activities."*



### NEWS:

**Pool closure:** The entire pool area will be closed to the end of February. At this time, Construction & Project Management will be installing a new heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) unit in the pool area. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause you. If you have questions about how this will affect your membership, please stop by or call the SunUte front desk. We will be glad to help you.

**Youth basketball:** All games schedules are available at SunUte.

**Men's open basketball league:** Beginning on Jan. 25.

**Fitness:** Biggest Loser starts in the fitness area Jan. 15. Sign up at the trainer's desk.

**Active Kid Care:** Active Kid Care is back on Saturdays from 8:30 – 10:30 a.m.

**January senior breakfast:** The SunUte front desk staff invites all Southern Ute tribal members and SunUte members 55 and older to come enjoy a hot, healthy meal at SunUte. Breakfast begins at 9 a.m. and ends at 10:30 a.m. Tribal members and SunUte members 55 and older eat free. Non-members pay \$4 at the door.

Breakfast for Jan. 7 will be banana monkey crunch and breakfast for Jan. 14 will be English muffins with avocado and tomato. Check online for the recipe at [www.breakfast-and-brunch-recipes.com/healthy-breakfast-recipe.html](http://www.breakfast-and-brunch-recipes.com/healthy-breakfast-recipe.html). The Jan. 21 breakfast will be tomato egg cups and for Jan. 28, mini breakfast quiches.

**Looking for a great gift?** Come by today and purchase a gift card for someone in your life. Now is the time to spread the joy and laughter and become members of the best fitness facility and community in southwest Colorado!

For general information on SunUte activities, programs, holiday hours or closures, please feel free to call the SunUte front desk at 970-563-0214.

### Boys & Girls Club

Overdrive 9 p.m. – 12 a.m., Jan 28.  
Call 970-563-4753 for more information.  
Mandatory School Year Enrollment Orientation for ALL members planning to attend at least one day: Feb-May 2011  
• Tuesday, Jan.11, 6 – 7 p.m.  
• Wednesday, Jan. 12, 12 – 1 p.m.  
• Thursday, Jan. 13, 6 – 7 p.m.  
• Saturday, Jan. 15, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.  
All meetings will be at SunUte.



**SunUte**  
*Right In Your Backyard.*

## Honor our children.



**Give them a healthy smile.**

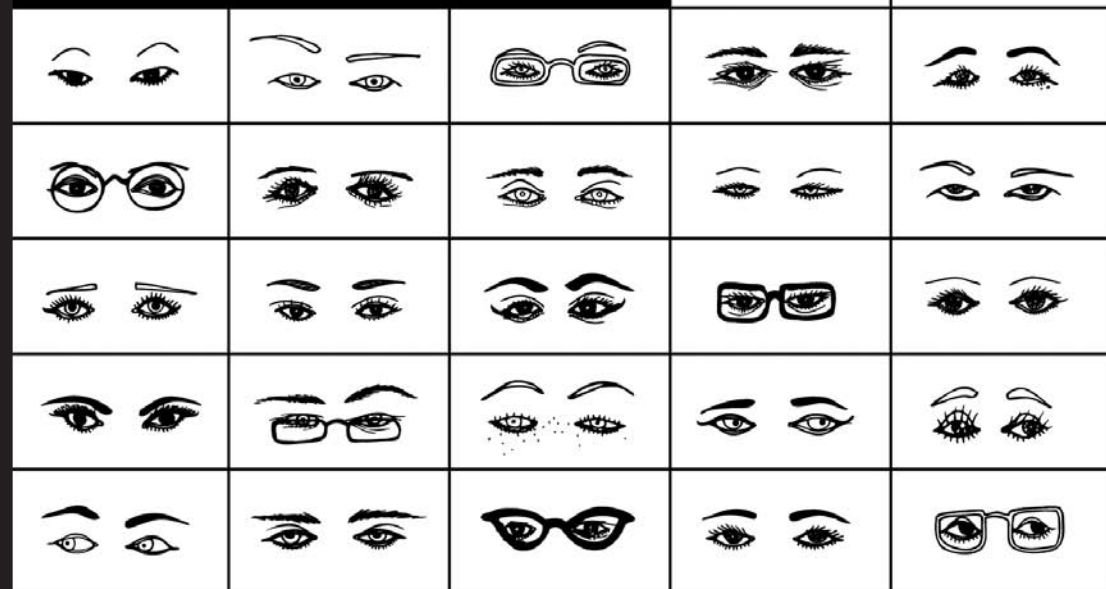
**Make an appointment  
for yourself to protect  
your baby's teeth.**

**February is Children's  
Dental Health Month**

**Southern Ute Dental Clinic**  
**563-4581**



## HOW DO YOU KNOW IF YOU HAVE CERVICAL CANCER?



### YOU CAN'T TELL BY LOOKING.

Cancer of the cervix can exist years before any physical symptoms show up. And when it's found early, 92% of women who have cervical cancer survive it. That's why women's cancer screenings are so important. You can't control what you find out, but you can control when you find out. If you're a Colorado resident between the ages of 40-64, have limited or no health insurance and meet income qualifications, you may qualify for our FREE cervical and breast cancer screenings. Call us today to find out. Because when you're in the know, you're in control.



## Martin Luther King Jr. Day Closures

**Southern Ute Indian Tribe:** Offices closed Monday, Jan. 17  
Regular office hours will resume Tuesday, Jan. 18.  
**SUIMA, Ignacio K-12 Schools:** Schools closed Monday, Jan. 17  
Regular school hours will resume on Tuesday, Jan. 18.

See [SkyUteCasino.com](http://SkyUteCasino.com) for all gaming promotions & entertainment information!



SKY UTE CASINO AND THE ASPEN ROOM RESTAURANT ARE

**PROUD TO OFFER A  
NEW LUNCH AND  
DINNER MENU!**

Keeping the Local favorites like the Southern Ute Taco and S.W. Burrito and adding Great classics like Fajitas the California Chicken Club and much more!

## Come Taste the Difference!

New Lunch and Dinner Menu starts December 19, 2010 and runs 7 days a week.. And don't forget about our Delicious Lunch and Sunday Brunch Buffets or our Friday Night Seafood and Saturday night Prime Rib Buffet!



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**[www.skyutecasino.com](http://www.skyutecasino.com)**





Discovery Museum, Tribe partner



photo Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

Discovery Museum Education Director Lexie Wallace and educator Sarah Margoles set up a rotation of hands-on activities Jan. 3 designed to introduce principals of science. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe and the new Durango museum have begun an educational partnership, and Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy faculty got the first go-round. The Discovery museum will begin working with Academy classrooms on a regular basis starting this spring.

Cow elk hunt enters 9th year



photo Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

Southern Ute tribal member Lance Taylor touches base with the registration booth Jan. 7 at the Sky Ute Casino Resort during the ninth annual January Nonmember Cow Elk Hunt. Taylor is the only guide and outfitter licensed to operate within the reservation. The registration process took place as part of a mandatory orientation program coordinated by Steve Whiteman of the Southern Ute Wildlife Division. The drawing attracts around 300 people annually, with 60 permits each being issued in Archuleta and Sandoval hunt units. Visiting hunters filled the Events Center to capacity for this year's orientation. The presentation commenced following a blessing by Southern Ute tribal elder Eddie Box Jr., who wished the hunters a safe and successful harvest.

Boys & Girls Club showcases outstanding youth at fundraiser

Media Release  
Southern Ute Boys & Girls Club

On Sunday, Jan. 23, our Boys & Girls Club will host their second annual Youth of the Year Celebration at the new Southern Ute MultiCultural Center in Ignacio. The celebration will highlight outstanding Club members through an afternoon of "keeping it green." With a recycled theme, Club members and staff will serve guests a full brunch and entertain with the Club's new recycled instrument band, art work and a showcase of the Club's youth. The afternoon will encourage all guests to participate in family-friendly activities.

This celebration invites all community members, of all ages, to attend for \$25 per person. The event begins at 1:30 p.m. and tickets can be purchased before Jan. 22 at 5 p.m. from the SunUte Community Center. All proceeds from admission will support the Club's daily operations and programs. Tickets are on sale now. More importantly, the community's attendance will support our Youth of the Year candidates, as they compete to become our Club's next Youth of the Year. Youth may continue on to compete against other Club's Youth of the Year's within the state this coming March. Youth of the Year candidates are identified by Club

staff and members each month. They are chosen upon their character and service to the Club and community. This year's youth candidates are Destaney Reynolds, Chrystianne Valdez, Lorraine Watts, Elco Garcia, Merri Maddox, Kaylie Guse, Alex Gearhart, Jazmine Cameneros, Christian Joosten, Jerrika Rarrick, Tauno Gallegos, Lenka Dskocil. This year's teen candidates are: Carly Bentley, Courtney Valdez, Morgann Box, Wayne Williams, Kree Lopez and Buddy Perry. For additional information on the Youth of the Year Program, visit [www.bgca.org](http://www.bgca.org) or contact our local Club at 970-563-4753.

Youth of the Year Brunch

Sunday, January 23, 2011.  
New Southern Ute Multi-Cultural Facility.  
Brunch. Entertainment. Celebration of Youth.  
\$25/person. All proceeds benefit our local Club!  
1:30pm-3:30pm.

Purchase your tickets today at the SunUte Community Center. Tickets will be sold through 1.22 @ 5:00pm.  
If you have any further questions, please contact BGC @ 563.4753.



BE GREAT



Boys & Girls Club news

Martin Luther King Jr. Day:

Free family service day for all local families (non-member families welcome), Monday, Jan. 17. Participate in a day of service to increase the safety of our community. Meet at SunUte on Monday at 9 a.m. and dress warm as you will be around town and return to SunUte by noon for lunch, on us! Youth under 13 must be accompanied by an adult for the duration of the event. there is no fee to attend. Transportation will be provided from SunUte to location. No registration required.

Mandatory school-year club enrollment:

For all Boys & Girls Club members planning to attend at least one day, in the months of February, and March. An adult representative must attend ONE of the following meetings in order for their club members to access club programming through May.

Tuesday, Jan. 11: 6 – 7 pm

Wednesday, Jan. 12: 12 – 1 pm

Thursday, Jan. 13: 6 – 7 pm

Saturday, Jan. 15: 10 – 12 pm

- All meetings will be at SunUte.
- Yearly membership dues will be due at this time, \$10/member.
- Failure to attend will result in membership suspension until June 2011.
- Each meeting will take approximately 30 minutes. Please arrive within the time frame indicated in the above enrollment dates.

For more information, contact Club offices at 970-563-4753 or [gcsoio@southern-ute.nsn.us](mailto:gcsoio@southern-ute.nsn.us)



SunUte youth basketball rosters

5-6 YEARS

Team Charlotte Hornets  
Coach Brandon Johnson

Autum Sage  
Sierra Red  
Michelle Puga  
Isaac Herrera  
Tyler Sonnie  
Ever Rubio  
Michael Silva  
Ezekiel Howell

Team Utah Jazz  
Coach Theresa Boss

Layla Cuthair  
Ashlie Wursten  
Rhianna Carel  
Eli Pratchett  
Porter Boss  
Nate Hendren  
Rylan Pierce  
Zechariah Red

Team Boston Celtics  
Coach Chris Walker

Makayla Herrera  
Silas Wilbourn  
Madelyn Litschke  
Christopher Walker  
D'Vondra Garcia  
Dean Cordova  
Jace Carmenoros  
Conner Cooper

Team Chicago Bulls  
Coaches Angelo-Eppie

Laci Jo Brunson  
James King  
Harmony Reynolds  
Eppie Quintana  
Tyler Barnes  
Alic Hudson  
Christopher Trujillo

7-8 YEARS

Team Boston Celtics  
Coach Renae Neil

Larenz Willbourn  
Kaylee Egger  
Eduardo Rubio  
Ayana Hight  
Coby Spencer  
Christina Herrera  
Alexandria Roubideaux  
Torrica Howe  
Caitlin Chapman

Team Denver Nuggets  
Coach Becky Chandler

Joseph Garcia  
Monika Lucero  
Matthew Wursten  
Larissa Gallegos  
Phabion Begay  
Morgan Herrera  
Kacey Chandler  
Aurora Lucero  
Nakai Lovato

Team Miami Heat  
Coach Trent Taylor

Camron Heintz  
Holland Roukema  
Nathaniel Howe  
Elizabeth Valdez  
Dylan Pickering  
Bella Silva  
Teagan Roukema  
Justine Trujillo

Team Orlando Magic  
Coach Kara Pearson

Alonso Dominguez  
Mercedes Herrera  
Julio Martinez  
Rylee Pearson  
Elijah Wilmer-Gallegos  
Jasper Kittle  
Isabella Pena  
January Murray  
Peyton Baker

Team Phoenix Suns  
Coach Elco Garcia

Lakota Bartley  
Charlize Valdez  
Elco Garcia  
Aubrey Silva  
Zane Dill  
Reynelda Martinez  
Daniel Silva  
Emilia Price

Team Oklahoma Thunder  
Coach Susan Velasquez

Diego Valencia  
Mikalynn Canterbury  
Adam House  
Jazmin Carmenoros  
Steffon Olguin  
Terialena Analla  
Isabela Torres  
Jayden Brunson  
Shelton Garcia

9-10 YEARS

Team Denver Nuggets  
Coach Kara Pearson

BreeAnn Martinez  
Heile Pearson  
Makayla Howell  
Jesus Rubio  
Allisianna Baker  
Conor Araujo  
Felicity Silva  
Mitchell Neil  
Jawadin Corona

Team Phoenix Suns  
Coach Beth Santistevan

Destaney Reynolds  
Colby Vollert  
Karely Mendoza  
Chief Garbiso  
Kera Madril  
IsaiahJacket  
Issac Suina  
Leela Rosa

Team Charlotte Hornets  
Coach Kristi Garnanez

Janik Murray  
Andrew Morgan  
Rhai Price  
Shyanne Vigil  
Joshua Barney  
Shelsey Lagerstrom  
Rendon Mestas  
Avionne Gomez  
Burton Stalker  
Koby Ross

Team Boston Celtics  
Coach Bernie Tso

Kiana Valdez  
Carlos Herrera  
Heather Kerrigan  
Ocean Hunter  
Payton Lyon  
Jagur Velasco  
Milana Hight  
Jonas Nanaeto  
Lewis Valdez

Team Bobcats  
Coach Trae Seibel

Clay Seibel  
Michael Archuleta  
Caitlin Garcia  
Keegan Richmond  
Raenn Martinez  
Lawrence Valdez  
Mamakwa Valdez  
Julio Galvan  
Marcus Chapman

11-12 YEARS

Team Phoenix Suns  
Coach Chris Walker

CJ CloudMiel Diaz  
Jamie Vining  
Tori Archuleta  
Jordan Carmenoros  
Rachel Cooper  
Carlos Whiteman  
Alejandra Lujan  
Cameron Spencer

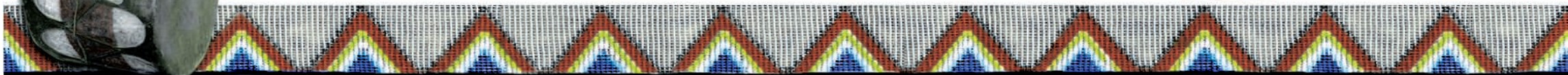
Team Boston Celtics  
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Anthony Suina  
Sidney Cox  
Julius Cuthair  
Alana Watts  
Jordan Cuthair  
Jade Richards  
John Valdez  
Raphael Herrera  
Kai Roubideaux

Team Utah Jazz  
Coach Damon White Thunder

Marico Baca  
Kyle Baker  
Justin Sanchez  
Katrina Chandler  
Joaquin King  
Taylor Edwards  
Josiah Tessles  
Alex Forsythe  
Hunter Brassard





# Top 15 news trends of 2010

## 15. Lake Capote



The Tribe's premier water recreation site saw several improvements last year, including the addition of three fishing docks and foundation work for some additional shade structures. The lake's reputation as a fishing hotspot continues to grow, fueled by the annual restocking of nearly 5,000 brown trout, including about 80 fitted with special tags that were redeemed for prize money. Even students from the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy got involved, making a field trip May 18 to catch and eat their lunch to round out their experience in the school's fishing club.

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## 12. Animas-La Plata Project

The Animas-La Plata Project began pumping in March for the first time in eight months after finally measuring the river high enough to resume. The project and its end product, Lake Nighthorse, were the subject of many focus groups and public forums during the year, with many community members concerned about what the final recreation plan might look like. In June, then-Gov. Bill Ritter Jr. made a visit to the dam to sign four environmental bills into law, including one that set aside \$36 million to allow the state to purchase water from ALP.

## 11. Transportation

In a historic agreement, four government entities – the Tribe, the Town of Ignacio, La Plata County and the Colorado Department of Transportation – joined forces to begin work on a comprehensive transportation plan May 11 for the next 20 years in town. Set for adoption in October 2012, the plan will address the need for future traffic signals, intersections, crosswalks and other devices to make getting around Ignacio safer and more efficient.

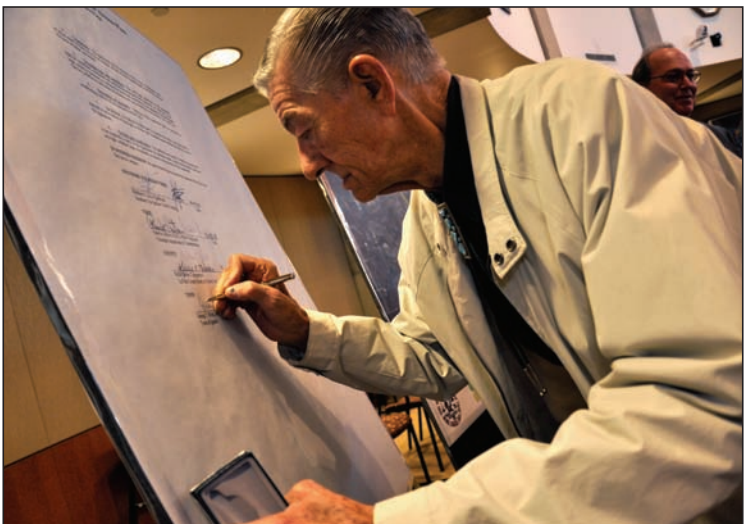


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## 14. Downtown Ignacio

Ignacio Bike Week remained the town's marquee annual event last year, drawing in an estimated 18,000 attendees Sept. 1 – 6. The Tribe got in on the fun, too, hosting a showcase of youth performing traditional dances in a downtown parking lot for passersby. But the rough-and-tumble biker crowd was offset in 2010 by the steady growth of Ignacio's local arts scene, led by businesses like the Dancing Spirit Co-op Gallery. Not to be left out, the Boys & Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe got together with community members to add to the town's many outdoor murals one of its own, which features Native American imagery in brilliant colors in southern Ignacio.



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## 10. Culture

Southern Utes remained firmly committed to their traditions in 2010, hosting a successful Bear Dance on their reservation May 28 – 31. In September, thousands of tribal members and visitors from around the country gathered in Ignacio for the 90th annual Southern Ute Tribal Fair and PowWow, which featured dancing, drumming, hand games, a parade and more. The Shoshonean Language Reunion June 28 – July 1 in Fort Duchesne, Utah, was an opportunity to celebrate the traditional means of communication Utes have shared for centuries.



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## 9. Tribal Court

The Tribe saw many expansions to its campus buildings last year. Tribal Court was no exception, dedicating a new addition May 7 to house its Family Court Services and Probation departments. Work also continued in its Wellness Court, a groundbreaking program aimed at comprehensive rehabilitation as an alternative to incarceration for certain offenders.



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## 13. Fort Lewis College

The local college found itself at the center of a storm of controversy in early 2010 when Colorado Rep. Karen Middleton, D-Aurora, sponsored a bill in the state House of Representatives that would have changed the way Native American tuition waivers at Fort Lewis were funded. Though the students themselves likely wouldn't have been affected – the bill asked the college to reduce tuition for out-of-state waiver students so the state wouldn't have to pay as much for nonresidents – many viewed it as a threat and it was withdrawn in a committee meeting Jan. 25. Later in the year, U.S. Rep. John Salazar, D-Colo., said during the Sept. 1 opening of the college's new student union building that he had introduced a bill in Washington proposing the financial burden for out-of-state waiver students instead be directed to the federal government.



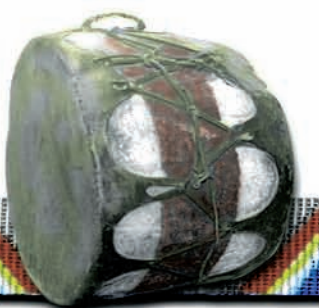


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8. Veterans

Southern Ute veterans continued to carry the flags of tribe and country proudly in 2010, representing both at various events throughout the year. The May 31 Day of Remembrance, Sept. 23 – 25 Region IV Pathways to Recovery Summit, and a bevy of Veterans Day activities in Ignacio, Durango, Farmington and elsewhere represent just a few of the many events for which the veterans were present. Tribal members Roland Norris and Tim Watts received rare acclaim during the 42nd annual Fourth of July PowWow in Fort Duchesne, Utah, when each was inducted into the Red Feather Society, Indian Country’s highest military honor.

7. Women’s conferences



photo Amy Barry/SU DRUM

In many ways, 2010 was the year of the Ute woman. The Tribe’s women congregated throughout the year for several issues conferences, including the Circle of Life Women’s Conference May 13 – 14, in which presenters each represented a different season of the year; the Our Sister’s Keeper Coalition Women’s Summit May 21, which included panels on the sacredness of motherhood and surviving sexual abuse; and one on the role of Southern Ute women during the Sun Dance July 6.

6. Census

The 2010 Census was big news in Indian Country, with the federal government making extra outreach efforts toward Native Americans through various media outlets. A special Census Tour crew rolled into Ignacio Feb. 28 in hopes of recruiting tribal members to help with the count, which influences Colorado’s number of seats in the U.S. House of Representatives and helps local authorities perform basic government functions. After the count, Census officials returned to Ignacio Aug. 4 to present a thank-you plaque to Tribal Council for the Tribe’s efforts in helping make sure it went smoothly.



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5. Ignacio High School sports



Who could forget the Bobcat boys’ run on the state 2A basketball title? After dominating throughout the regular season and cruising to a regional championship over the Alexander Dawson Mustangs 65-46 on March 6, the team entered the state tournament the No. 1 seed. They beat their first two opponents, Wiggins and Limon, by margins of 19 each. Emotions were high going into the championship game, but the boys eventually fell to Holyoke 38-55 on March 13 in a heart-breaker. Not all IHS athletes were denied a title, though; sophomore wrestler Alex Pena repeated as state champ in his weight class. And the Junior High crew did its part, too: In basketball, the boys capped an undefeated 18-0 season with a 42-32 win over Escalante Middle School on Feb. 23.

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4. Cultural Center & Museum

Though its doors won’t open until May of this year, the museum was central to the Tribe’s ongoing cultural efforts in 2010 and became a landmark on the Ignacio skyline by virtue of its unique design. In addition to showcasing displays of historic events and artifacts, the 52,000-square-foot structure will offer a place for tribal members to store their own family heirlooms. The staff is developing big plans for educational programs, which could include workshops to teach area youth traditional skills like bow making, beading and tanning hides.

3. Tri-Ute

Fellowship between the three Ute tribes continued to grow in 2010 with the long-awaited adoption of bylaws Sept. 23 governing the Tri-Ute Council, giving the body official status and the ability to facilitate agreements between the three tribes. Going forward, having a shared voice will also allow the Utes greater impact in legislative matters. Nowhere were the fruits of cooperation more apparent than at the second annual Tri-Ute Games, hosted last year in Fort Duchesne, Utah, July 22 – 24.



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2. Multi-purpose & Memorial Chapel



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It took 40 years of discussion and planning, but on Dec. 7, 2010, the Tribe dedicated its very own Multi-Purpose and Memorial Chapel in Ute Park. One building will serve as a place for tribal members to gather and visit with one another, the other to conduct weddings, funerals and other events. A spacious banquet hall, reception area, conference rooms and kitchen round out a facility that is both thoroughly modern and designed to answer the needs of traditional ceremonies.

1. Recall

No single event shook the Tribe’s political world as fundamentally as the election to recall Chairman Matthew J. Box from office. Sparked by a petition signed by nearly 300 tribal members, the Dec. 3 vote would have opened the door for a special election to install a new chairman for the remainder of the term. The motion failed because the total number of votes cast failed to meet the required minimum of half the registered voters, rendering the actual yes-no count irrelevant and saving Box’s job.



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Other important stories we’d be remiss to forget:

- Annie Bettini remembered:** The Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy unveiled a memorial stone May 10 honoring Annie Bettini, who contributed much to education over the years.
- Four Corners monument dedicated:** The Sept. 17 event marked the official opening of the monument, which organizers hope will draw tourism to the Four Corners area for years to come.
- Operation White Feather tests responders:** The multiagency hostage drill Sept. 29 brought business as usual to a halt for several hours.
- Air Quality permit program moves forward:** The Tribe took another step toward making history Nov. 3 when it delivered documents necessary to win control over its own Title V air quality permitting program, which would be a first in Indian Country.



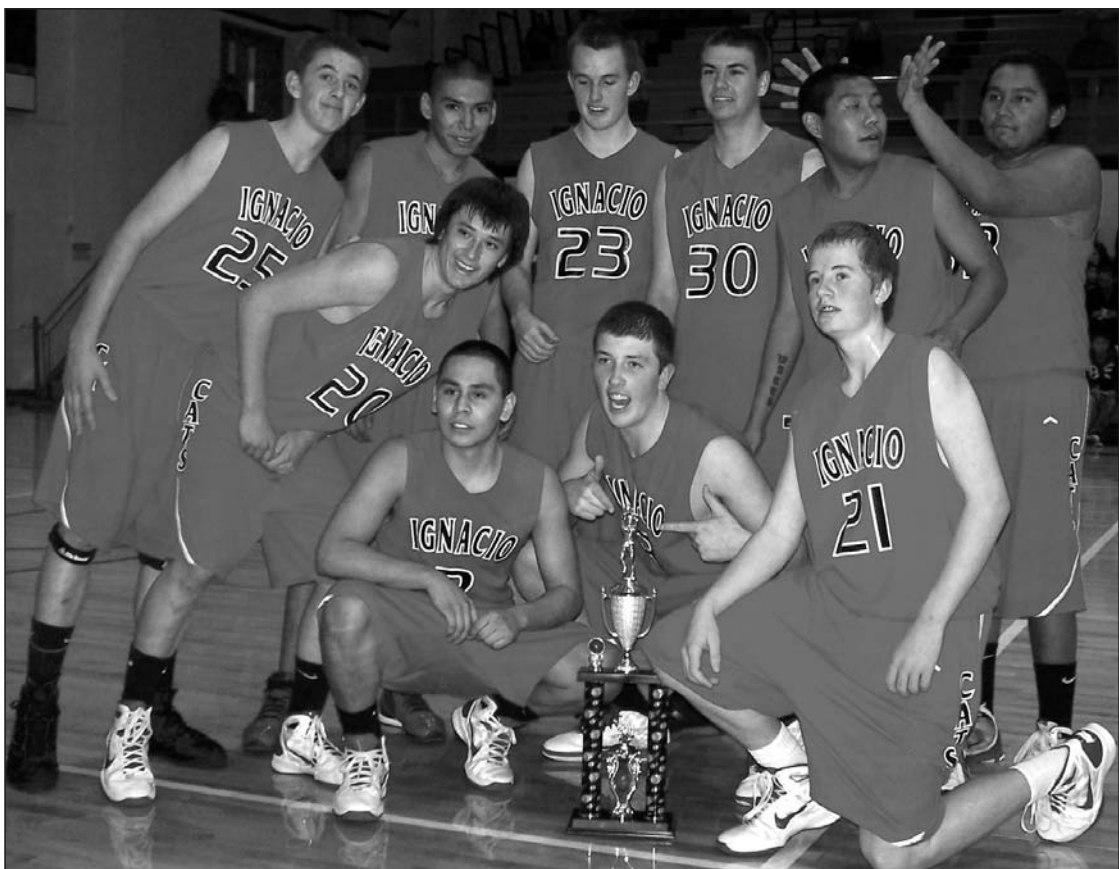
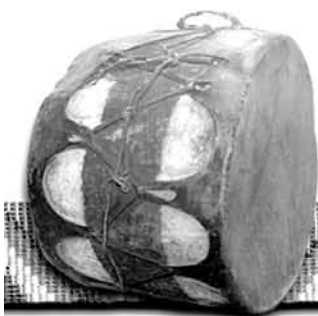


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The Bobcat boys surround the fifth-place trophy they captured at the “Rumble in ‘The Jungle’” Jan. 8 in Aztec, N.M. Ignacio defeated Shiprock, N.M., 70-43 to close out the tourney’s consolation bracket.

## Ignacio slays Shiprock for 5th

by Joel Priest  
Special to the Drum

Surrounding their trophy as fans’ cameras flashed, the Bobcats’ joke was “We’re No. 5!” Fifth in the Denver Post’s Class 2A poll coming in, fifth at the tournament going out.

Had Piedra Vista (Farmington, N.M.), who initially bumped IHS over to the bracket’s left side, been ranked 5 instead of 6 in the most recent N.M. High School Coaches Association’s Class 4A poll, the players’ punchline would have been re-perfected.

But a more serious number the Cats could have focused on from their consolation bracket championship rout of 3A Shiprock, N.M., would have been “two.” They made just two three-pointers and still smashed the Chieftains – who’d lost to PV in December by only eight – by 27 points, and they still have just two losses on their ledger, both to highly-rated out-of-state squads.

And that, fans, is no laughing matter.

Neither was the Bobcats’ free-throw shooting against Shiprock, a collective 17-of-19, in the 70-43 victory at the 2011 Bill Moss Excavation/Aztec HS “Rumble in ‘The Jungle’” Jan. 8. It was the element most lacking in the team’s 62-51 opening-round loss

to PV, and one which they improved upon to whip 2A Magdalena, N.M., 61-35 the next afternoon.

But not only did IHS take as much charity from the stripe as they wanted against Shiprock, they allowed the Chieftains’ top threat, Deion Benally, none at all. The senior went scoreless, while posts Robert Lapahie (five points), Padtric Toehe (three), and John Li (five) managed little in the paint.

Because Ryan Brooks was waiting. The Bobcat senior swatted away seven shots, grabbed 14 rebounds, scored 23 points, and even dished out four assists to lead the charge. Junior Shane Richmond, who surprised PV with 16 points, dropped in 12 more and pulled in five boards. Senior Orion Watts also starred, netting eight points and snaring six caroms.

Senior guard Pedro Vigil, who led Ignacio (7-2, 3-0 SJB�) with 21 against Magdalena, scored 13 and also had a cool ten assists and four steals against Shiprock. Reserves Xavier Watts and Colton Davis combined for ten points, and Jay Black and Paul Tahlo each chipped in two.

Shiprock (4-10) got 11 points from junior Keagon Nahkai and eight from freshman Justin Begay, and stayed close through

a quarter, trailing IHS just 13-10 after eight minutes. However, the Cats roared to life in the second and led 33-17 at halftime, then 47-25 after three quarters inside Lillywhite Gym.

Ignacio resumes San Juan Basin League battle Jan. 14 at home against Norwood, then makes the anticipated – if only for what welcome they’ll receive – trip to Nucla Jan. 15.

The Bobcats’ road clash with Pagosa Springs (the Post’s No. 4 team in 3A) Tuesday was completed after the Drum went to print.

Led by former Aztec coach Brian Shock, PV (13-2 overall) downed the host Tigers 70-49 in the championship. Brooks had an 11-point, 10-rebound outing against MHS, while Richmond added nine points. The Steers (5-8) got 11 points from Rio Chadde, eight from Miles Parscal, and six from eighth-grader Dre Montoya.

Brooks was selected All-Rumble along with Bryceson King (Aztec), Clay Payne (4A Bloomfield, N.M.), Derrick Valdez (3A Raton, N.M.), Andy Wynes (Montezuma-Cortez), and MVP Isaiah Sanchez (PVHS). Despite finishing eighth after losing to Raton, Magdalena received the Sportsmanship Award.

Bloomfield (167) and Durango (160) placed 1-2-3.

Jeff Herrera, still picking up steam this season, took fourth at 125 pounds with a 2-2 event record. Kevin Park went 1-2 at 135, but was quickly put into the elimination bracket by first-round enemy Coltan Musselman of Monticello, who pinned Park and two more in just 2:38 before winning a tight final fight.

Teagan Overturf succumbed to Bayfield’s Aaron Velasquez in his opener at 152, but then proceeded to win four straight matches emphatically to claim fifth place. Three wins came by speedy pin, including a 14-second ambush of Aztec’s Maverick Heater (the other two consumed just 1:29 of clock time), and the other by 15-2 major decision over Antonito’s Joey Gallegos.

Derrick Naranjo took sixth at 171 pounds, going 3-2 on the day; all his wins came by pin. Colton Wyatt pinned three straight at 189, in just 3:29 total, before losing 13-5 to AAHS’ Rip Price in the finale. And at 215, Christian Knoll went 0-3 but still took eighth.

Up next for IHS will be a trip to Shiprock, N.M., for the Jan. 15 Garrison Spencer Memorial. The next weekend, the Bobcats are in for the Paonia Duals Jan. 21 and the PHS Screaming Eagle Invitational Jan. 22.

## Lady Cats claim 5th in Kirtland

by Joel Priest  
Special to the Drum

There usually isn’t much consolation to be had in a consolation bracket; first place is no option.

But on Jan. 8 the Ignacio girls found some after turning the Webb Toyota/Kirtland (N.M.) Central Girls’ Basin Invitational’s fifth-place game from clunker to cliff-hanger.

Overcoming a severe case of second-quarter turnovers – IHS once committed at least ten in as many possessions – the Lady Bobcats won the final frame to trip 3A Thoreau, N.M., 45-38 inside Bronco Arena. They had upset 4A Belen, N.M., by the same margin the previous day, recovering from a wicked 77-15 shell-shocking by the host Lady Broncos (No. 1 in N.M. 4A) in the opening round.

Ignacio freshman Cloe Seibel had, ironically, warmed up for the Lady Hawks in a pair of Batman-styled Converse Chuck Taylors lent her by teammate Pam Cotton’s younger sister. But later, after THS junior Felicia House countered Ignacio’s four go-ahead points with four herself ending the third quarter, one could mentally hear the 1960s television series’s narrator asking, “Is THIS the last hurrah?”

Only there was no possibility to “tune in tomorrow, same Cat time, same Cat channel” – the outcome was only 8 minutes away, the Bronco Arena scoreboard showing 28-28 as action resumed.

Michelle Simmons, held to just two first-half points, scored nine in the second half for a team-high 11. Rose Mirabal, who gave the Cats their first lead at 25-24 with a short runner 65 seconds before halftime, totaled six, and Cotton netted four. The trio also combined for 14 rebounds as THS forwards Kolby and Shelby Mantano were each minding four



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Ignacio’s Pamela Cotton (23) shoots over Roshawna Yazzie (15) of Thoreau, N.M., during the Lady Bobcats’ consolation-bracket championship – the fifth-place game – win Jan. 8 at the Webb Toyota/Kirtland (N.M.) Central Girls’ Basin Invitational.

personal fouls accumulated in the first 24 minutes.

Mariah Vigil had six points as well through three quarters, including a basket-and-one to put Ignacio ahead 28-24, seconds before House leveled the count. But having just outscored Thoreau 17-8 in the quarter, momentum clearly belonged to the Lady Cats, who trailed 14-4 after the first quarter and 20-11 at halftime, beginning the final push.

The run ended up punctuated from the charity stripe by Seibel, sporting a more Bruce Wayne-ish pair of white Nikes rushed

into service straight from the store.

Full statistics and an updated record from THS were unavailable, though House had scored ten points through three quarters, Tristine Wilber had seven, and Shelby Mantano six.

Now 3-4 overall (1-2 SJB�), IHS resumes league play Jan. 14 at home against Norwood, then travels to Nucla Jan. 15. The next weekend shows a trip to Mancos Jan. 21 before a home game versus Telluride Jan. 22.

The Jan. 11 trip to non-league 3A powerhouse Pagosa Springs (7-0 as of Jan. 8, ranked No. 2 by the Denver Post) was completed after the Drum went to print.

Against Belen, the Simmons-Mirabal-Cotton faction combined for 26 points, with Valerie Armstrong chipping in seven more. Junior Justine Stambaugh paced the Lady Eagles with nine, and senior Marisa Carrasco added eight. Simmons’s seven points led IHS against KC, while Taylor Henderson led the Lady Broncos (12-1) with 20 and Tessa Begay added 12.

Simmons was named All-Tournament with Cheyanne Corley of 4A Bloomfield (N.M.), 5A Fruita (Colo.) Monument’s Taylor Johnson and Lauren Labonde, and KC’s Kalen Henderson and Taradena Mitchell, the selected MVP. Kirtland took first place over FMHS, with Navajo (N.M.) Pine, ranked No. 2 in 2A, taking third over Bloomfield. Belen received the Sportsmanship Award after beating the 3A Shiprock (N.M.) JVs for seventh place, and improving to 1-9 overall.



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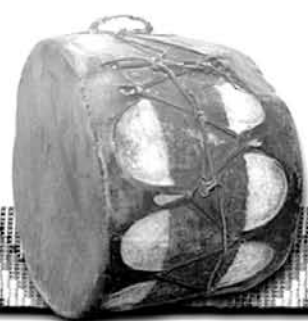
Ignacio’s Jordan Cuthair (1) drives inside the three-point arc against Shelby Mantano (12) of Thoreau, N.M., during the Lady Bobcats’ consolation-bracket championship – the fifth-place game – victory Jan. 8 at the Webb Toyota/Kirtland (N.M.) Central Girls’ Basin Invitational.

## Class 2A/1A San Juan Basin League 2010-11 Basketball Standings (as of Jan. 10)

BOYS					GIRLS				
Team	W-L	Pct.	W-L	Us/Them	Team	W-L	Pct.	W-L	Us/Them
IGNACIO	7-2	.778	3-0	60.0/45.8	Norwood	8-1	.889	5-0	48.5/21.7
Norwood	4-4	.500	3-1	51.4/49.5	Dolores	5-3	.625	2-0	51.6/41.6
Ridgway#	3-3	.500	2-1	62.0/54.2	Telluride	4-1	.800	2-1	40.6/39.6
Mancos	4-4	.500	2-2	55.5/54.1	Ridgway#	3-3	.500	2-2	44.3/44.8
Ouray	5-3	.625	2-2	60.2/49.7	Mancos	3-4	.428	2-2	38.4/40.0
Telluride	1-3	.250	0-2	35.2/50.0	Dove Creek	4-2	.667	1-2	49.2/41.3
Dolores	1-8	.111	0-2	36.8/58.3	IGNACIO	3-4	.428	1-2	44.8/48.0
Nucla	0-7	.000	0-2	32.6/64.4	Nucla	2-5	.286	0-2	33.0/51.0
(# one game not reported)					Ouray	0-7	.000	0-4	30.8/59.7
					(# one game not reported)				

— compiled by Joel Priest





## New equipment for the new year

*By Don Oliver*  
*Special to the Drum*

As I shuffled toward my morning coffee and newspaper chair, attired in my mayfly-decorated boxer shorts, 5-year old gray Orvis T-shirt, fishing hat (original color undistinguishable), and wading sandals, I realized I was "tarpon tired."

I need to add, so you don't think I dress like a slob, I had on my wading sandals because the person that sneaks into my house and hides my glasses case has now targeted my slippers.

I sat down and mumbled something about someone turning off the search light in the kitchen, and could I have my morning coffee?

My wife informed me the blinding light was the sun and that I might want to consider a glass of iced tea since it was past noon. That may not be exactly how she worded it, but it's close. Like I said, I was tarpon tired.

What is tarpon tired? Tarpon tired is how a fly-fisherman and a tarpon feel after an hour-and-a-half fight. A fight that ends with the tarpon spitting out the hook and the fly-fisherman collapsing to the deck of the boat in total exhaustion, so tired he is unable to make it to his padded seat. The tarpon, meanwhile, just manages to slowly swim off to rest in the shade of a mangrove tree.

As I was whining for a second cup of coffee, I realized why I was tarpon tired: 2010 was the



busiest and best year of fly-fishing I have ever had. I fly-fished from Hawaii to the Bahamas, and many points in between. I fly-fished for trout, redfish, bass, pan-fish, bonefish and barracuda.

Now I'm beginning to wonder what can I do to make 2011 an even better year for fly-fishing.

I've given up on making New Year's resolutions. I've tried, but I now know calories are my friend and life is too short for cheap scotch and cigars.

So instead of resolving to go after an unobtainable fly-fishing goal, I hit on something I know is doable: I am going to devote more time and energy to catching bass and pan-fish with my fly rod. This devotion has only one obstacle. I'm going to need another piece of equipment.

I'm not talking rods and reels. In fact, one of my six-weight rods is designed exclusively for bass fishing. And my three and four-weight rods are perfect for pan-fish. Since bass and pan-fish live in lakes, the obstacle is I will

need a power boat.

I don't need a fancy tournament boat that goes 80 mph and has a motor that costs more than the combined price of my first two houses. Since I practice catch and release, I also don't need a live well.

I'm already saving money by limiting how I'll outfit my new boat (oh yeah, it has to be new). A boat that is 18 feet long, and has a 60-horsepower four-stroke motor and a good trolling motor will do just fine.

I don't need a fish finder; that's my job. See, more money saved. Since I can't ask for directions on a lake, a good GPS would be nice.

That should about do it for my needs.

Oh, there is one other item I have to pay close attention to: color. If I pull a boat and trailer into my driveway that's orange with red flames, my wife will say something along the lines of "Gee honey, is that the only color they come in?"

So to avoid that negative comment, I have to find a boat and trailer that are blue. That way I can look her straight and tell her I picked this color to match her eyes. It's only a coincidence the blue also matches my truck.

So, as I sit in my chair, dreaming about my new adventure for 2011, I would like to start the New Year for all of us who fly-fish by paraphrasing Walt Whitman: "So much water to fly-fish before I sleep, so much water to fly-fish before I sleep."

## Express Your Opinions

### Thank you

I would like to extend a BIG THANK YOU to the following individuals and businesses that contributed food for the New Year's Eve PowWow. Without your support and generosity, the meal would not have been a success.

For food and drinks: Joyce Vigil at Options, Julie Quintana at El Amigo, Shannon Brown at the Sky Ute Casino Resort, Elise Redd, Joe and Debbie Gonzalez, Sage Medicine Blanket, Debra Watts, Carlos Whiteman and Joycelyn Dutchie.

To the servers: Tara and Shyann Vigil, Carlos Whiteman, Neida Ray, Ula Gregory, Frances Howell and Peaceful Spirits clients.

Please accept my apology if I left anyone out; it was not done intentionally.

May the Creator bless you with a wonderful new year.

*Dona Frost*  
*Ignacio*

### Tava ma wu see "sunrise"

To all my friends, family and visitors to the New Year's Eve celebration that was held at the

Ignacio High School Gymnasium, I would like to extend my hand in thanks to each one of you for coming and supporting this important community event.

The list is long for those who contributed time, money and donations to this year's celebration, and I would like to acknowledge some of them.

First, thank you to the Southern Ute Veterans Association for participating as color guard. I would like to acknowledge Robert "Dude" Perry for his caring, unselfish support to the cause, for cooking all that great food we all ate and enjoyed, and for helping out our tribal people.

I wish to express my gratitude to all those people who braved one of the coldest nights we had last year. It was 17 degrees below zero outside and many people, including elders, braved the cold to be there.

Thank you to Sheila Naneato for being the last woman emcee of the year, and the first for this year!

I would like to thank Alfred Wall, Randy Doyebi, Ephraim Wall and the rest of the guys for being the host southern drum and

providing the gourd songs for those sessions; it was a good one! My brothers of the gourd – you know who you are – thank you for supporting me in being chosen as head gourd this year.

I want to give a shout out to Ian Thompson and the 12 Gauge gang for their songs, as well as the other drums that came out.

"Thank you!" to the committee for honoring me by asking me to be head gourd for this New Year's celebration; I appreciate all of you! I wish to acknowledge the elders of the Four Corners Gourd Society for choosing me to head the group and for the donation of sweet grass and tobacco.

Thank you to my mother for bringing me into the world and to Lisa for putting up with me; I love you both! Best of all, thank you to the Creator for putting Lisa and I back on the Red Road, bringing us together and watching out for our families and those who traveled here to celebrate life. Aho.

*Andrew C. Frost*  
*Headman,*  
*Four Corners Gourd Society*  
*Ignacio*

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## StarWheels

*Horoscopes by "The Starlady"*

### ♊ CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 20)

**BIRTHDAY GREETINGS CAPRICORN!** Big News! The Solar Eclipse in your sign on the 4th blasts you into the New Year with great gusto, ambition, and power. Let it roll CAPRICORN, this is not the month to procrastinate. Doing nothing at all might slow your progress later in the year. Your birth month represents a fresh new cycle, making it a great time to show case your talents. Keep your mind focused on your goals. The results you're looking for may appear more rapidly than you anticipated.

### ♒ AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)

The New Year is launched on a serious note and you might still be wrestling with last year's issues. Truth is, old solutions won't work anymore. Take a different approach AQUARIUS, 2011 requires forward movement. When MARS bursts into your sign on the 15th incentive returns, and your "take charge" attitude prevails once again. Keep the pace going, especially after the 20th when the SUN returns to your sign and illuminates the rest of your month brilliantly.

### ♓ PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)

Listen up Little Fishes! Opportunities abound for you this month. On the 4th one of nature's most potent celestial events...a Solar Eclipse, takes place in the "hopes and wishes" section of your chart. More importantly JUPITER connects with wild and crazy URANUS one last time in your sign prompting exciting new personal and financial possibilities. Be sure to keep your own council PISCES, plans have a way of dissipating when you tell too many people.

### ♈ ARIES (March 21-April 20)

With 2011 still in diapers, you may find yourself embarking on some new ventures Rams. Job, business, residential, or relationship matters may surface over the course of the month. It may be in your best interest to stay on top of your responsibilities ARIES. With MERCURY, MARS, and the SUN high in your chart this is definitely the month to vigorously launch your objectives. Be creative Rams, it might take some extra effort on your part but the results could be well worth it.

### ♉ TAURUS (April 21-May 21)

January's powerful Solar Eclipse on the 4th in compatible CAPRICORN launches your New Year on a favorable note. As an added plus, the SUN, PLUTO, and MERCURY are currently playing a supportive role. Typically most of us promise grand resolutions at this time of year. The true test will lie in your ability to live up to those vows for the remaining months. If there's any sign that can achieve that goal, it's you TAURUS!

### ♊ GEMINI (May 21-June 21)

This month's planetary action sets off a fresh perspective regarding finances. Whether you share your money with a partner, or handle them alone, the NEW MOON in a money section of your chart may lead you to a better, more practical method of conserving your funds. VENUS presently in Sagittarius attracts lively, optimistic relationships into your sphere. Still, the bottom line is responsibility. Be sure you are living up to yours TWINS.

### ♋ CANCER (June 22-July 22)

Partnerships and close alliances take top priority this first month of the year. With the SUN, MERCURY, and PLUTO still moving through your opposite sign of CAPRICORN, you might be taking a step back to get a better look at your relationships. Clear, honest communications are the way to go MOON KIDS. Whenever possible, sidestep muddled misunderstandings. The Universe is sending you a gift for the New Year, a fresh beginning. It's time to bravely move forward MOON KIDS. Let go of old baggage.

### ♌ LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

A gang of planets in the health and work section of your chart may inspire you to make better choices in the New Year. Set your plans into motion on the 4th when giant JUPITER links up with action oriented URANUS. Your success rate is likely to be higher then. Additional benefits in the first month of 2011 include the entrance of VENUS into the adventurous area of your chart on the 8th, giving your fun-factor a big boost, and amping your desire to just go out and play. It's what LEO folks can do best.

### ♍ VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sep. 23)

Lucky you VIRGO! This month the planets have gathered in a creative part of your Solar Chart spurring you into hot pursuit of new ventures and entertainment. Knowing you VIRGO, a new hobby, or service oriented commitment may be just what you're looking for. Forget dull and boring, innovative, exciting, and interesting is what the planets have in store for you this time. Be adventurous VIRGO people!

### ♎ LIBRA (Sep. 24-Oct. 23)

The Planets are in a perverse mode this month LIBRA. Patience and steady persistence will be your best course of action. With all of the energy focused in your domestic environment you may find yourself making a few changes there. More than likely home improvement projects top the list. Genuinely connect with your surroundings LIBRA. You might be surprised by what you discover right in your own neighborhood.

### ♏ SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)

VENUS in your sign until the 6th brings a heartwarming love energy into play now. A more optimistic outlook for the year ahead is put into motion. After the 7th finances might take a turn for the better as a very productive grouping of planets inspire great potential in your daily routine. Job opportunities may pop up, and you might even find yourself planning short trips. Don't be surprised when your days become filled with enjoyable and surprising events.

### ♐ SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)

Your luck improves this month SAGITTARIUS. VENUS enters your sign on the 8th amplifying your charm and personal power. Furthermore, the SUN, MARS, and MERCURY shake up the money area of your chart, sending your ambitions into orbit. Just remember RULE # 1. Be responsible with your finances. Make it a habit for the year ahead. You'll be so glad you did.

*Carole Maye is a Certified Astrology Professional with over 30 years of astrological study and practice. Private horoscope consultations can be arranged by appointment, via email: starwheels2@comcast.net*

# TRIBAL ACTIVITIES!

**Every Sunday in January at the Sky Ute Casino Resort In the John S. Williams Room. 12:00pm-3:30pm**

- JAN 2 UTE MOVIES & NECKLACE MAKING
- JAN 9 SWEATSHIRT MAKING
- JAN 16 FINISHING UP SEWING
- JAN 23 UTE BINGO AND CARD GAME
- JAN 30 HAND GAMES
- FEB 6 VALENTINE CARD MAKING
- FEB 13 PAINTING
- FEB 20 FINISH PROJECTS
- FEB 27 UTE BINGO AND CARD PLAYING

**Benda Watts is the facilitator for the Activity Night on Sundays at the casino from 12-3:30pm.**

**All Activity Nights will be in the John S. Williams Room from 12:00-3:30pm. Activities are not sponsored by Sky Ute Casino Resort.**

**For Additional information please call Dustin Weaver at 563.1759.**

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# Notices

Tahgum-soo-wee-knee (10)

January 14, 2011



9 p.m. – Midnight

OVERDRIVE

the last Friday night of every month, beginning Jan. 28

Junior High and High School-aged students welcome!

Bring your permission form for a chance to win a snowboard, form not required to enter event. Transportation home within 10 miles of SunUte will be offered only with a completed waiver. Pick waivers up at your school office or SunUte, return at event. Enter one-time in to the event per-night. This is a substance-free event.

- **All Community Family Dinner: 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.**  
Bring your family and friends and nothing more, its free!
- **Pre-event enrichment for Teens: 7:30 – 9:00 p.m.**  
Classes differ each month from cooking healthy to weight lifting to speakers bureau.
- **Friday Night Overdrive: 9:00 – midnight**  
Basketball tourney, live DJ, food, Wii, games and more.

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BP - Job Announcements

For in-depth information on this position and to join our team, visit our website at: [www.bp.com/epcareers](http://www.bp.com/epcareers). BP is seeking the following positions. BP is an equal opportunity employer. Click on the “View Jobs” under the “HSSE” category or click “Submit Resume/CV” and then click “Search Openings” and type in Req ID#.

- **Planning and Scheduling Team Lead – Farmington, NM #16915BR**
- **Field Financial Analyst – Durango, CO #16980BR**
- **Measurement Technician – Farmington, NM #17024BR**
- **Flow Measurement Technician – Durango, CO #17013BR**
- **DOT and Pipelines Coordinator – Durango, CO #15802BR**

In compliance with Title 17 of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe Employment Rights Code, BP will give preference to individuals covered by the Code for purposes of hiring, promotion, lay-off, and training for work performed within the exterior boundaries of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe Reservation.

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MAIN EVENT

JOE GOMEZ  
FARMINTON, NM  
VS.  
BERNARDO GUERECAL  
EL PASO, TX

ELCO GARCIA  
IGNACIO, CO  
VS.  
PATRICK THOMPSON  
LINCOLN, NE

BATTLE OF THE ROCKIES

MMA SENSATION/PRO DEBUT  
CHRIS LEYVAL  
FARMINGTON, NM  
VS.  
ARTHUR ARAGON  
LAS LUNAS, NM

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LAYLA MCCARTER  
LAS VEGAS, NV  
VS.  
CIMBERLY HARRIS  
TAMPA BAY, FL

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BRITTANY CRUZ  
DENVER, CO  
VS.  
AMANDA CRESPIAL  
LAS VEGAS, NM

PRO DEBUT  
STEPHEN VICTOR  
FARMINGTON, NM

Saturday, February 12th, 2011

SKY UTE CASINO EVENTS CENTER

George's Independent Boxing Club and Pepsi Presents Amateur Bouts Starting at 4:30 p.m.

Gold Reserve \$45 Silver Reserve \$35 General Admission \$25. Tickets can be purchased on line at [SKYUTECASINO.COM](http://SKYUTECASINO.COM), at the Sky Ute Casino Gift Shop or charge by phone at 1-888-842-4180. General Admission tickets also available at Katzin Music in Durango and Boot Barn formerly Western Warehouse in Farmington. Tickets are also available at the door the night of the fight. Card Subject to Change.

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## Birthday wishes & congratulations!

Our Mother, Maxine Silva

On January 31st you were born, thank you, Creator for giving us our Mother. She has always stood by our side thru our worries, achievements, and heartaches. Her loving thoughts and prayers for us, her children and grandchildren are unconditional. Today we would like to wish her the best day ever, and many more to come. From all our hearts we love you Mother, Friend, and Grandmother. May you enjoy your day, you deserve it! So with that we say, “ Happy Birthday!” how old are you? Sweet 16?

With all Our Love,

Donavon, Christina, Chris, and Justine Will,  
Sherri, Shayna, Anna, and Ethan Natalie, Nick,  
and Rylan Wahleah, Kelsey, Addie, Alric Ray,  
Teresa, Shondeena, Rayleene, Trixie, Letreece,  
Erica, Leland, Halania, and Silas

To My Handsome Son

Nicholas K. Herrera, you were born on the wonderful day Feb. 1st. I will never forget when I first held you in my arms. I can still remember that day, like it was yesterday. I never wanted to let you go. Now, you have grown into a young man. I’m so happy that you choose me to be your mother. I could not imagine my life without you. My love for you is unconditional. I wish good things for you, as you make your journey through life. Thank you for being the best big brother and son anyone could have.

Creator bless my son on his birthday  
And may you always keep him safe.  
Walk besides him as he will need you.  
Love him as I do.

With all my love,

Your Mother and brother - Natalie and Rylan



HAPPY 18TH BIRTHDAY! MY THUE

I can’t believe how much you’ve grown over the years, you’re no longer a baby, but a young adult. Your life is just beginning, so live everyday to the fullest with not regrets. May the Creator watch over you on your Very Special Day. Remember you will always be the baby to me, no matter how old you are or how much taller you are then me.

Love your Big Sister - Siwee

HAPPY 18TH BIRTHDAY MY CHOOGIE!

You’ve grown beside me as I watched you turn from a baby to a young lady. Mom would be so proud to see how far you’ve come in life. I want you to know I’ll always be here for you when you need me. May the Creator and the Spirits of the four directions watch over you through your journey of life and gently guide your footsteps across Mother Earth my prayers are with you on your Special Day!

Love your Big Bro - Muddrow

Happy Birthday Frank and Suzi

I continue to watch you grow year after year, it makes me proud to see how far you both have come in life.

Love Dad

Suzi

We have watched you grow from a cute little baby girl, to a beautiful young lady. You would make your Mother proud, as you have made us. I’m sure she looks down on you now also very proud. We wish you a Very Special and Happy Birthday stay strong because you are not alone. May our Father “Atius” Keep you safe We love you and wish you all the happiness you deserve.

Grandma Sherri and Grandpa Bear

To Sharlena Whyte

Congratulations on making Bobcat of the Month for December. I am very proud of you. Keep up the good work.

Love you always,

Your Mother - Sharleen Whyte Romero

Happy Birthday Brother

Hope that you’re doing ok and we all miss you. Hope that you had a good New Years.

Love your sisters - Katrina and Amanda

Happy Late Birthday to Katrina on Jan. 1

I hope yoy had a great new year and birthday and that your police birthday present was fun for you.

From the family



Brother Frank

For 31 years you’ve been in this world, although you’ve had your ups and downs, you still manage to get through life every step at a time. You’ve accomplished great things, such as getting married, and having two beautiful sons, who I love alot. Thanks for being a wonderful big brother to me. Happy Birthday.

Love your sister - Suzi

### LEGAL NOTICE

TO THE PUBLIC, BE ADVISED that Michael Gerald Tom, a.k.a. Michael Gerard Tom, has been adjudicated by the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Court to be an at-risk adult subject to a legal guardianship and conservatorship under a long term protection order. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe Division of Social Services as legal guardian over Mr. Tom’s person and estate has exclusive authority over Mr. Tom’s person, property and financial affairs. Mr. Tom lacks legal authority to execute binding contracts which concern his person, property and financial affairs. All future contracts, express or implied, purporting to bind Mr. Tom and/or his property which have not been pre-approved or ratified by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe Division of Social Services shall be void and unenforceable.

IN THE SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL COURT  
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PO Box 737 #149, CR 517, IGNACIO, CO (970) 563-0240

In the Legal Name Change of, Case No.: 2010-NC-187  
NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE  
Jaela R Velasco, Civil Subject

Notice is hereby given that Shelenia Porambo filed an application on behalf of Jaela Lucinda Rae Velasco for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Jaela Lucinda Rae Porambo. As of Jan. 10, 2011 no person filed an objection to the request, and therefore notice is hereby given that Jaela Lucinda Rae Velasco name shall be and is hereby legally changed to Jaela Lucinda Rae Porambo.

Dated this 12th day of January, 2011.  
Suzanne Carlson, Southern Ute Tribal Judge

In the Legal Name Change of, Case No.: 2010-NC-188  
NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE  
Kylan Jacob Velasco, Civil Subject

Notice is hereby given that Shelenia Porambo filed an application on behalf of Kylan Jacob Velasco for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Kylan Porambo. As of Jan. 10, 2011 no person filed an objection to the request, and therefore notice is hereby given that Kylan Jacob Velasco name shall be and is hereby legally changed to Kylan Porambo.

Dated this 12th day of January, 2011.  
Suzanne Carlson, Southern Ute Tribal Judge

In the Legal Name Change of, Case No.: 2010-NC-203  
NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE  
Kirstin Kateri Lupe, Civil Subject

Notice is hereby given that Kirstin Lupe filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Kirstin Kateri Dee Howe. As of Jan. 11, 2011 no person filed an objection to the request, and therefore notice is hereby given that Kirstin Kateri Lupe name shall be and is hereby legally changed to Kirstin Kateri Dee Howe.

Dated this 11th day of January, 2011.  
Suzanne Carlson, Southern Ute Tribal Judge

In the Legal Name Change of, Case No.: 2006-GS-139  
NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE  
Elyssa Katherine Weaver, Civil Subject

Notice is hereby given that Julie Phillips has filed an application in behalf of Elyssa Katherine Weaver for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Elyssa Katherine Phillips. Any person desiring to object to the granting of the petition may do so by filing an objection in writing with the Clerk of the Court no later than Feb. 14, 2011. If no objection is made, the Court will grant the legal name change.

Dated this 22nd day of December, 2010.  
Dolores Romero, Court Clerk

In the Legal Name Change of, Case No.: 2010-DV-183  
NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE  
Jogenia July Cross, Civil Subject

Notice is hereby given that Jogenia July Cross filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Jogenia Thompson. As of Dec. 20, 2010 no person filed an objection to the request, and therefore notice is hereby given that Jogenia July Cross name shall be and is hereby legally changed to Jogenia Thompson.

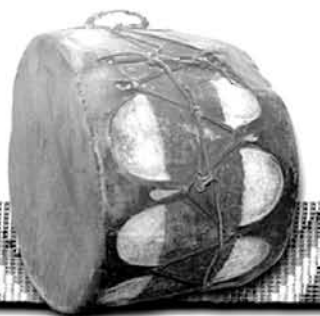
Dated this 21st day of December, 2010.  
Suzanne Carlson, Southern Ute Tribal Judge

In the Legal Name Change of, Case No.: 2010-NC-209  
NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE  
Tyson Demone Cloud, Civil Subject

Notice is hereby given that Tyson Demone Cloud has filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Damon Anthony Tyson Cloud. Any person desiring to object to the granting of the petition may do so by filing an objection in writing with the Clerk of the Court no later than 5:00 P.M. on Jan. 21, 2011. If no objection is made, the Court will grant the legal name change.

Dated this 15th day of December, 2010.  
Janie Herrera, Court Clerk





### Southern Ute Growth Fund - Job Announcements

Obtain complete job descriptions and applications from the Growth Fund Human Resources, 14933 Hwy. 172 • P.O. Box 367 • Ignacio, CO • 970-563-5064 • [rtaylor@sugf.com](mailto:rtaylor@sugf.com)  
*Tribal Member Employment Preference, Must Pass Pre-employment Drug Test & Criminal History.*

#### Engineering Technician II

Closing date 1/18/11 – Red Willow Production Co. Tracking engineering projects, maintaining accurate records in files and databases, and assisting with capital budget updates and production data analysis.

#### Construction Manager

Closing date 1/19/11 – Frontier Field Services Maljamar, NM. Managing construction projects for natural gas pipelines, compressor stations and gas plants for the Aka Energy Group.

#### Energy Exploration and Production Manager

Closing date 1/18/11 – Dept. of Energy Assists with evaluation of tribal energy resources for production activities, revenue forecasts and calculations of remaining reserves, and identifies and evaluates tribal minerals that are subject to environmental distress and/or waste and formulates methods to mitigate.

#### Gas Measurement Technician I

Closing date 1/18/11 – Frontier Field Services Maljamar, NM. Performing meter calibrations, gathering and editing meter data, securing gas samples for analysis, calculating gas volumes, sizing orifice plates, service and repair of meters.

#### Gas Volume Analyst II

Closing date 1/21/11 – Red Willow Production Co. Monitoring natural gas production volumes; nominating natural gas to gas gathering and transportation pipelines; assisting in drafting, and maintaining gathering and transportation contracts; control wellhead and pipeline imbalances; and, provides training to Gas Volume Analysts.

#### Health & Safety Compliance Specialist

Closing date 1/24/11 – SECMG Provides support and assistance in the development and coordination of regulatory compliance activities specific to applicable safety and health laws and regulations for all Growth Fund business enterprises.

### Southern Ute Indian Tribe - Job Announcements

Please refer to the complete Job Announcement and Requirements in the Human Resources Dept. P.O. Box 737 • Ignacio, CO 81137 • Phone: 970-563-0100 • Fax: 970-563-0396 • Hotline: 970-563-4777  
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#### Supervisory Clinical Nurse

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#### AP/AR Clerk

Closing date 1/19/11 – Vendor Setup and maintenance and filing of documents relating to vendor setup. Assists with processing accounts payable including vendor invoices, travel per diems, and check requests, including creating payment vouchers, matching to PO's, receivers, and generating checks.

#### Recording Secretary

Closing date 1/19/11 – Takes minutes and transcribes both regular and special council sessions, which also includes Council work session notes and provides support to the Coordinator of Tribal

Council Affairs, Executive Officer, Chairman, Vice Chairman, and Tribal Council.

#### Detention Officer

Closing date 1/20/11 – Under general supervision of the Detention Sergeant, maintains the safety and welfare of inmates and visitors and monitors all activities within the detention center.

#### Laboratory/Radiology Technician

Closing date 1/21/11 – Provides clinical laboratory and radiology services for the Southern Ute Health Center.

#### Construction Crew Leader

Closing date 1/25/11 – Supervises assigned construction repairmen and provides repairs to eligible clients homes.

#### Dispatcher

Closing date 1/25/11 – Under general supervision of the Sr. Communications Officer, provides radio dispatch services for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

#### Heavy Equipment Operator

Closing date 1/26/11 – Provides routine maintenance and safe operation of heavy equipment in carrying out project assignments for the Construction Services Division.

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### SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE Boxing Commission Vacancy

The Southern Ute Boxing Commission currently has one (1) commission vacancy. This is for a two-year term, individual will receive commission pay, the commission is open to anyone of interest, the qualifications are:

- Must be 18+ years of age
- Shall be of good character
- Shall not have been convicted of o or plead guilty to any felony or boxing related offenses

Submit your letter of intent by 4 p.m. on Feb. 4, to: Southern Ute Boxing Commission, PO Box 737-74 Ignacio, CO 81137, or you can hand deliver your letter of intent to Hilda Burch at the Tribal Housing Department, attention: Phillip Martinez, Chairman 970-563-0135 ext. 2239 or Hilda Burch, Treasurer 970-563-4710 ext. 2722.

### JOHNSON O'MALLEY COMMITTEE Committee Vacancy

The Johnson O'Malley Committee has one (1) board vacancy Eligible and interested parents are urged to submit a letter of intent by Feb. 7, no later than 5:00 pm.

Eligibility:

- You must be a parent or guardian of a currently enrolled student of the Ignacio or Bayfield school district
- Children must be enrolled in a federally recognized tribe with a certificate of Indian blood (cib) or have proof of 1/4 descendancy
- 18 or older
- Commit to a fulfill the remainder of the current two-year term.

Interested parties please contact Ellen Baker at 970-563-0235 ext. 2793, Southern Ute Education or [esbaker@southern-ute.nsn.us](mailto:esbaker@southern-ute.nsn.us).

### SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE Election Board Vacancy

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe has (1) Election Board vacancy. The chosen applicant will serve a three (3) year term. This opportunity is available to interested Tribal Members who meet the following requirements:

- must be a registered tribal voter
- must reside on the reservation
- cannot be a Tribal Council member, or a candidate for tribal office
- must not have been convicted of a felony
- must not have been convicted of a misdemeanor involving dishonesty or fraud within five (5) years.

All interested Tribal members who would like to serve on the Election Board are urged to pick up an application or submit a letter of intent to the Personnel Department in the Leonard C. Burch Building before 5:00 p.m. on Jan. 21.

### SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE Gaming Commission Vacancy

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe is seeking one Southern Ute Tribal Member to serve on the Gaming Commission, for a 3 year term. Applicants must possess the following requirements:

- Shall be subject to the same suitability criteria as a key licensee.
- Possess a basic knowledge and understanding of gaming activities authorized on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation.
- Be at least twenty-one (21) years of age.
- Have no felony convictions, gambling-related offense convictions, or convictions or offenses involving dishonesty or theft within the past ten years.
- Experience or expertise in regulatory matters, or administrative hearing procedures.
- Ability to observe restrictions concerning conflict of interest and confidentiality.
- All applicants will be subject to background investigations.

Tribal members interested in serving on the Gaming Commission should pick up an application from the Division of Gaming Office and return by 5:00 p.m., Jan. 28. If you have any questions, please call the Division of Gaming office at 970-563-0180. The Division of Gaming is located at 149 County Road 517, in the West wing of the Judicial Complex.

### SUCCM

Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum  
Application packets can be picked up at 14826 HWY 172, Ignacio, CO • 970-563-9583  
Southern Ute Tribal Member Preference • [www.southernutemuseum.org](http://www.southernutemuseum.org)

#### Education Coordinator of School Programs

Closing date 1/21/11 – Education Coordinator of School Programs for the Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum (SUCCM) located in Ignacio, Colorado. Minimum requirements include a high school diploma or GED, proven experience with educational program development and specific knowledge of Southern Ute tribal history and culture. Responsible for the development and implementation of academic and public education programs. Must pass drug and alcohol screening and criminal history background check. Southern Ute Tribal member preference.

### KSUT - Public Radio

KSUT Offices: 970-563-0255 • P.O. Box 737 • Ignacio, CO 81137  
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#### Administration Director

Open until filled – Administration Director for a local radio station, responsible for the timely completion of all administrative functions and support of the strategic vision. Provides direct business management, budgeting and financial oversight support to the management team and the Board of Directors. A Bachelors Degree is required along with a minimum of 5 years experience in office management, accounting, budget preparation/management, program/project management and grant management. Good people, organizational, leadership and communication skills are a necessity. Previous non-profit management and grant writing experience a must. Must be self-motivated and a team player.

#### Underwriting Sales Representative

Open until filled – Administration Director for a local radio station, responsible for the timely completion of all administrative functions and support of the strategic vision. Provides direct business management, budgeting and financial oversight support to the management team and the Board of Directors. A Bachelors Degree is required along with a minimum of 5 years experience in office management, accounting, budget preparation/management, program/project management and grant management. Good people, organizational, leadership and communication skills are a necessity. Previous non-profit management and grant writing experience a must. Must be self-motivated and a team player.

### Sky Ute Casino Resort - Job Announcements

Human Resources Department: 970-563-1311 • Fax: 970-563-1419  
P.O. Box 340 • Ignacio, CO 81137 • Winter Office Hours: 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
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Rolling Thunder – FT  
Rolling Thunder – OC  
**Salon**  
Cosmetologist – OC

#### Slots

Slots Operations Supervisor – OC  
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## SunUte begins 2011 youth basketball season

By Janet Mosher  
SunUte Community Center

It's that time of year again! Saturday, Jan. 8, SunUte Community Center started the youth basketball season with our second annual opening ceremonies event! We have 18 teams registered this year, with ages ranging from 5 to 12.

There were contests, games, and drawings to keep the crowd entertained and Oscar from Big O Productions kept it all on schedule.

We would like to give thanks to all of those who helped with the event:

Council Lady Ramona Eagle and Executive Officer Johnny Valdez for their inspiring words, 12 Gauge for singing, Fort Lewis College for their donation of basketball tickets, Jeremy Wade Shockley for his talent of taking great pictures, and Oscar Cosio for donating his time as a DJ.

Thanks to everyone for making Saturday such a special event for the kids.



photos Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

## Walkers brave frigid weather to start 2011



photos Robert Ortiz/SU DRUM

Walkers ascend the hill at the 6 mile marker; A prayer and thoughts for the New Year were shared at the Ouray Memorial Cemetary; Oolcu Buckskin and her children, Keyana and Mamakwa, daughter and granddaughters of Robert Buckskin; Staff-carriers, Brandon Bigleggins and Takota Armstrong.

By Robert L. Ortiz  
The Southern Ute Drum

Mother Nature greeted about 15 walkers who braved the minus-20-degree weather to bring in the New Year for the "Saa-swanis Hiswaqs" Memorial New Years Sobriety Walk on Jan. 1.

The walk began at 7:30 a.m. at the Colorado and New Mexico state line, south of Ignacio on county road 172 as the walkers traversed icy roads and snow along the 10-mile route through

Ignacio and onto the Ouray Memorial Cemetary.

The walk was first started more than 20 years ago by Saa Swanshiswaqs, also known as Robert Buckskin, as the "Spiritual Walk for Alcohol-free American Indian Communities." The Buckskin family has sponsored the walk since 1990.

The walk will continue every year, to carry on the vision of the founder of the walk, for our future generations and the future of our community.



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